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Democrat wins in Ala.

DOUG JONES claims an upset over Roy Moore. The results of the red state's election could reshape the U.S. Senate, where Republicans hold a slim majority.



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By Kim Chandler and Steve Peoples
The Associated Press

In a stunning victory aided by scandal, Democrat Doug Jones won Alabama's special Senate election on Tuesday, beating back history, an embattled Republican opponent and President Donald Trump, who urgently endorsed GOP Roy Moore despite a litany of sexual misconduct allegations.

It was the first Democratic Senate victory in a quarter-century in Alabama, one of the

reddest of red states, and proved anew that party loyalty is anything but sure in the age of Trump. It was a major embarrassment for the president and a fresh wound for the Republican Party.

The victory by Jones, a former U.S. attorney best known for prosecuting two Ku Klux Klansmen responsible for Birmingham's infamous 1963 church bombing, narrows the GOP advantage in the U.S. Senate to 51-49.

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Doug Jones and his wife Louise wave to supporters during a rally Monday in Alabama. Jones won a senate seat over Republican Roy Moore on Tuesday.

State senator's bill would alter 3-strikes law that kept hundreds in jail for years

parole out of reach

By Tim Eberly
The Virginian-Pilot

The 1982 law allowed offenders to be deemed parole-ineligible even if they had never been to prison and their three crimes were committed in a single spree. The proposal allows parole eligibility "unless that person was at liberty between the three convictions" and used a weapon during the crimes.

A senator from Northern Virginia has submitted a bill to change the state's three-strikes law in the wake of a Virginian-Pilot investigation into its decades-long hold on nonviolent first-time offenders.

State Sen. Scott Surovell, a Democrat who represents parts of Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford counties, confirmed Tuesday that he submitted the proposed legislation on Monday. If passed, the amendment would direct that offenders could be deemed ineligible for parole under the three-strikes law only if they were out of prison between each of their three convictions.

"This three-strikes rule is a hangover

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Cattle prod? No. Light sabers? Yes. Here's what you can and can't get past TSA checkpoints.

By Joanne Kimberlin | The Virginian-Pilot

Santa has a naughty list. So does the Transportation Security Administration.

You're on your own with Santa, but we can help with the TSA.

Holiday flyers with gifts should assume the standard carry-on rules apply. That bottle of spirits can't be larger than 3.4 oz. And no firearms – including Nerf guns.

That made us read the entire TSA carry-on list.

Here's a sampling of what we found – some good-to-knows and some head scratchers:

NOT OK	OK
■ Magic 8 Ball ■ Golf clubs ■ Cattle prods ■ Cast-iron skillets ■ Foam toy swords ■ Snow globes larger than a tennis ball ■ Bowling pins	■ Bowling balls ■ Any food that doesn't spill, spread, spray, pour or pump ■ Antlers ■ Live lobster, fish in water ■ Rocks ■ Light sabers



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Angie Kinane swaps ornaments during the Bereaved Parents Memorial Tree Service on Monday in Virginia Beach. Kinane lost her newborn in October. "It was nice, very calming for such a horrible situation," she said.

"After you cry, you smile"

At Virginia Beach hospital memorial service, families remember those they have lost

By Amir Vera
The Virginian-Pilot

VIRGINIA BEACH

Doctors couldn't find a heartbeat.

Holly Eunice had gone in for a check-up when she received the news about her baby, Angel, on Nov. 25, 2003. She was 25 weeks pregnant.

"At that moment I was very calm." Her child had passed away in the womb. "They call it fetal demise," she said.

Angel was diagnosed with Turner's

syndrome, a chromosomal abnormality, when Eunice was 16 weeks pregnant. Eunice said doctors wanted her to terminate the pregnancy, but she and her husband said, "Absolutely not."

It was not the first time Eunice had lost a child. Before their oldest child was born, Eunice and her husband had three back-to-back losses: a miscarriage before Angel and one after.

Back then, there was little support for

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An unusual visitor hurtling past our solar system has caught scientists' attention

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